

**Semi-Annual Rule Making Agenda for
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The Forest Practices Board's mandate is to adopt rules to protect the state's public resources while maintaining a viable forest products industry. The following rule proposals are under development or are anticipated during this time period. There may be additional rule making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

1. **Notice of Forest Practice to Affected Indian Tribes.** The Board will consider rule adoption at its February meeting to clarify rules that require landowners to meet with tribes when an application involves a cultural resource.
2. **Critical Habitat.** The Board will consider rule adoption at its February meeting that will reflect the changes made to WACs 232-12-014, 232-12-011, and 232-12-292 by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. It removes the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon from the Board's critical habitats (state) list and eliminates the option to use a bald eagle site management plan. The proposal also updates the common and scientific names for the Western pond turtle on the Board's critical habitats (state) list.
3. **Forestry Riparian Easement Program.** The Board will consider rule making to amend chapter 222-21 to implement HB 1509 (2011 legislation) that reforms the program including defining a qualifying small forest landowner as a for-profit entity.
4. **WAC 222-16-080 Critical habitats (state) of threatened and endangered species.** The Board may consider rule making to amend WAC 222-16-080 to ensure special wildlife management plans (SWMP) are subject to SEPA review.
5. **Notice of Conversion Activities.** The Board may consider rule making to amend rules that implement Senate Bill 5883 (2007 legislation) to provide a process to apply for a forest conversion application for another use.
6. **Lands Platted.** The Board may consider rule making to implement HB 1582 (2011 legislation) that removes references to lands that were platted after January 1, 1960. These lands are no longer defaulted into a Class IV forest practices and are no longer automatically assumed to be lands that will be converted to a non-forestry land use.

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